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The General Services Administration announced today that a multimillion dollar contract for major construction of the new Langley, Virginia, headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency had been awarded to Chas. H. Tompkins Co. of Washington, D. C., and J. A. Jones Construction Co. of Charlotte, North Carolina. The two firms submitted a base bid of \$32, 810, 000, the lowest of 13 received. Acceptance by GSA of certain alternate bids have brought the full amount of the contract to \$33, 287, 600.

An award of \$1,088,512 for elevator installation and another of \$34,157 for escalator installation went to Otis Elevator Company, also of Washington and also low bidder for the contracts involved.

The major contract does not include preparation of the 140-acre Langley site or the construction of the building foundation. These services have been provided under earlier contracts totalling over \$3 million.

When completed, the new CIA headquarters will provide over a million net square feet of office space for agency activities now located in temporary buildings within the District of Columbia. In addition to the work areas, the facility will include a cafeteria with a seating capacity of 1400 persons, and auditorium which will accommodate 500 persons and an outside parking area for 3000 vehicles.

The building is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1961.

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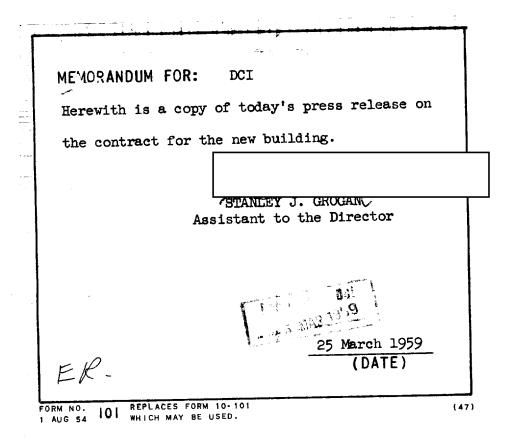
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